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This is the first newsletter of the 1982/83 academic year, and hopefully we will be able to produce one or two more, although due to a very small budget and redefined G.S.A. objectives, we will not be mailing future copies of the newsletter to you. Future copies will be available in Departments for student pick up: the date for pick up will be announced in The Link and The Thursday Report. Our next newsletter will appear in February 1983.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Graduate Students:

The G.S.A. Offices at 2160 Bishop St. were hit by fire last February. As a result of this fire we now have less space, jumbled and incomplete files and a lot of headaches. We are working hard to regain the ground we lost through the disaster.

In addition, there are other reasons for the late start of the G.S.A. this year. Elections for the G.S.A. occur in the spring, and often, as this year, various events occur between the period of April and September, preventing G.S.A. members from fulfilling their roles. This year's council is an example of this: some councillors got jobs, another became ill, resulting in a partial change of council members.

Lokesh Datta, elected President of the G.S.A. last April, resigned in August due to personal reasons. As our constitution stipulates that the G.S.A. has only one election a year, a new President was chosen by council. By this means the duly elected Vice-President, Susan Murray, was elected President, and Peter Georgakakos, Division II Representative, was elected Vice-President, in October 1982. The G.S.A. is now in action and is missing only one member - a representative from Division I.

The G.S.A. has extended its operating hours from four days a week, 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. to five days a week 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We hope that through this we will be able to serve you better.

Yours very truly,

S. Murray

WHAT DOES THE GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION DO?

1. Many students are most familiar with the G.S.A. in terms of the social activities which it presents each year. Events such as three parties per year, sponsoring guest speakers, concerts and the like.
2. But the G.S.A. has a much more important function, one that is often not noticed by the graduate students of Concordia. The University's decision-making processes occur largely through committee structures. Important decisions such as the recent Senate motion requiring all undergraduate students, (other than foreign students) to take a UWT (University Writing Test), distribution of awards and fellowships, construction of the new library, library policy, all stem through committees on which the G.S.A. has seats. Some students wonder how people get on these committees. In September of this year the G.S.A. sent a communiqué to each department listing all of the major committees. A list of such committees and the students who were appointed is included. If you have questions about these, if you wish to make input to them, or if you are interested in sitting on a committee next year, please contact Mavis at 879-7219 or 879-5872.
3. One of the big questions students ask is what they get for their G.S.A. money. First, it must be emphasized that graduate students pay only \$15.00 per year, regardless of the number of credits they are registered in, whereas undergraduate students pay \$1.50 (per credit) or approximately \$45.00 for two semesters. After conference funds, guest speakers, etc., remaining funds are distributed proportionally to the various faculties and departments within them. Departmental representatives submit their budget to the Division/Faculty representatives, and funds are then dispersed. Departments and faculties spend their monies on items as diverse as journal subscriptions, parties, guest speakers and providing financial assistance so that students can attend conferences. The G.S.A. representatives this year are trying to organize those departments which do not yet have representatives. If you would like to become involved, please call us.
4. The G.S.A. has a typewriter available for student use. Bookings can be arranged through Mavis, the secretary, at 879-7219.

UPCOMING GSA EVENTS

G.S.A. OPEN MEETING: NOVEMBER 29, '82

3:00 P.M. IN H-937

AGENDA

1. Fahey Report
2. Peat, Marwick Report
3. Any other business

G.S.A. CHRISTMAS PARTY

MEET YOUR G.S.A. COUNCIL!!

DATE: December 2, 1982

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

PLACE: H-651

Admission: G.S.A. Members
free with Grad. I.D.--Guests
(maximum 2 per G.S.A. member)
\$2.00.

FOOD* DISCO* BEER 3 for \$2.00
AND A DOOR PRIZE!!!

KRISHNAMURTI VIDEO-TAPE SERIES

Each Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. until December 8,
in Room H-420 of the Hall Building. Free admission.

NOW YOU CAN GET YOUR G.S.A. T-SHIRTS AT THE BOOKSTORE!!!

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

In the past the G.S.A. had limited funds for students who were presenting papers at conferences. This year, whether due to the recession, or wider knowledge of their existence, the G.S.A. has been flooded with such requests. With a total budget of \$1,600.00 available for conferences, the G.S.A. clearly had to formulate a policy other than the old "first come first served" basis. If we did not, this fund would have been emptied by September 1982. It is with understanding for those students who have already applied, and some of whom have been waiting several months, that we announce our revised policy of distribution.

1. Applications for funds will be reviewed by a committee of the G.S.A. twice each academic year.
2. \$800.00 (or approximately 8 grants of \$100.00 each) will be awarded during the September - December, and January - April semesters.

This committee (The Conference Fund Allocation Committee) will make recommendations considering:

- a) the level of the conference (national, international, etc.)
- b) the merit of the paper.
- c) the financial need of the student.

Please note:

1. that this policy is just now being formulated and needs more ironing out.
2. due to limited funds and the small G.S.A. budget, students are asked to travel via the most economical means and submit reasonable expense statements. The G.S.A. council feels for example, that a \$16.00 lunch request is not reasonable.
3. that we apologize for inconveniences caused to those students who thought they would automatically receive the reimbursements and request that you be patient a little longer, while we work out our new system. Successful applicants, whose requests have already been filed, will be notified by December 15, 1982.
4. that the G.S.A. is presently inquiring into the possibility of obtaining funds from other sources to assist needy and deserving students. We will report on any progress in the February newsletter.

RESTATED OBJECTIVES

The G.S.A. council this year discussed restating G.S.A. objectives. The following is a list we are working on. If you have any comments, please address them in writing to the G.S.A. Office. The overall objective is to act as a communication link and to coordinate various graduate student bodies in order to promote areas of interest common to all Concordia graduate students.

OBJECTIVES: SHORT TERM:

1. To increase student participation in G.S.A. related activities, including committee structure.
-to inform students of these activities by newsletter.
2. To schedule an open meeting reporting on G.S.A. activities.
3. To use committees to lobby for improved graduate student life.
-Shuttle Bus
-study areas in new library

- extended University services to evening students (bookstore etc.)
- 4. To obtain study space in G.S.A. offices.
- 5. To provide a lounge where graduate students can meet and interact.
- 6. To work more closely with other graduate student groups to enhance Concordia's reputation. Eg. Commerce Case Competition.

OBJECTIVES: LONG TERM:

7. To establish a graduate student journal.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS THUS FAR:

SPACE:

Objectives 4 and 5 above have already been achieved. The G.S.A. has recently acquired two additional apartments in the Royal George Apt. Building. They are unpainted, unfurnished and rather untidy. We would like to a) establish a graduate student lounge, and b) turn rooms over to the various departments for use as study areas. The G.S.A. is trying to acquire tables and chairs to this end. The main problem will be one of security. As we have just acquired this space, we won't settle on use and distribution of it until after our next meeting, Dec. 10, 1982, but we think it might be best if individual department organizations took responsibility for an office. We are open to proposals for use of this space. Clearly it would be of great benefit to Part-Time students. Please address your comments in writing to your department representative.

EXTENDED SERVICES:

One of our stated objectives is to lobby for extended services for evening students. To this end the following letter, which received support from all council members, but especially Commerce, will be sent to various University committees.

Re: Shuttle Bus Service

For the last few years Concordia has been trying to more closely integrate the two campuses by providing a Shuttle Bus Service to facilitate movement between the two. Although fairly adequate service is provided during the daytime hours, no service is provided for the evening students.

A very large percentage of Concordia graduate students attend classes in the evening, and many have expressed through their representatives a need to extend the service to the evening hours. Many students avoid taking evening classes at Loyola due to the difficulties of getting back to the central location late at night. This problem is possibly not perceived to be great by those who own their own car, or by those who travel back and forth during day hours when public transportation is efficient. However, for the evening students, many of whom have already worked a long, hard day, getting back downtown from Loyola at 10:30 p.m. at night is a real problem. Service at night is very slow; a minimum of three vehicles is necessary simply to get from Loyola to Sir George, and can take up to one hour one way, including waiting outside on cold, dark nights, and waiting inside metro stations. For a student who has worked all day, this additional burden of time is such as to prevent him/her from taking courses at Loyola campus in the evening.

If Shuttle Bus hours were extended this would not only increase Concordia's role of service to the evening student, but might also assist the University in filling classes at Loyola in the evening, and allow maximum use of the two campuses. Also, if improved transportation links were provided, students could take two evening courses on a given night, one at each campus.

One argument against providing service in the evenings is that it is not University policy to provide transportation for students home at the end of their 10:30 class. However, transportation back to the central Sir George campus can only enhance Concordia's role of service to the community.

The G.S.A. strongly agrees with the recommendation in the Fahey report that the Shuttle Bus Service be extended. The G.S.A. recommends that the possibility of extending this service to evening hours be explored, and that this item be given top priority.

There remains the question of the need for such a service in the evening. To assess such, a study would very likely be fruitful. However, the cost of the study might be just as great as a four month trial run of the service. If this were attempted and advertised well in advance, we might well succeed in better integrating the two campuses.

FACULTY NEWS

COMMERCE & ADMINISTRATION

CONCORDIA to Host 1983 M.B.A. Case Competition

The first M.B.A. Case Competition was held at Concordia in February 1982. Teams of four students from McGill, University of Ottawa, Laval, UQUAM and Concordia debated cases in front of a panel of judges from the business community and professors from the business faculties of the participating universities. The event was sponsored by Concordia's Faculty of Commerce and Administration, AMBAQ, as well as a number of other generous sponsors from the business community. The Institute of Management Consultants (IMC) was responsible for the selection of the cases debated.

The event was the first of its kind to be held in Canada at the graduate level and it was deemed a tremendous success by all who participated. The final point count found McGill and UQUAM tied for the top spot while Concordia came in a close second.

This year, Concordia will again be hosting the case competition. It has been scheduled for January 27 to 29, 1983, and all of the following universities have accepted to participate: Université de Sherbrooke, Queen's, McMaster, Dalhousie, University of Toronto, University of Moncton, University of Western Ontario, as well as the universities which participated last year, namely, McGill, Laval, University of Ottawa, UQUAM, and Concordia.

The competition takes the form of a case analysis and debate. Each team will be judged on its written and verbal analysis of the cases. Each university will have the opportunity to debate a total of three cases. The teams with the highest cumulative points will debate a final case to determine the winner of the competition.

The M.B.A. case competition will undoubtedly provide a showcase for outstanding graduate business students. The event will also encourage direct involvement of the Montreal business community with Canadian M.B.A. schools and students. Anyone interested in helping Concordia achieve a truly successful Canadian M.B.A. case competition, please contact either Norma Passaretti or Nina Cherney of the Commerce Graduate Students' Assoc. at 879-4375. Not only will your help be greatly appreciated, but you will also have the opportunity to meet with several leading Montreal businessmen, as well as M.B.A. students from other Canadian academic institutions.

COMPUTER SCIENCE NEWS

On November 1, 1982, a request from the Graduate Students of Computer Science was received, concerning a set of computer manuals for the graduate students' office, H-941. To fulfill this request, Mr. Khalid Siddiqui, ECSF students' representative approached the authorities in the Department of Computer Science and the Computer Center, and was able to procure one set of Computer Center manuals (16 in number) and one set of important CDC manuals from the Computer Center. The help received from Mr. I. Fuchs and D. Ludlow is highly appreciated. Also a steel rack for the manuals has been promised by Dr. C. Y. Suen, Chairman, Department of Computer Science.

FACULTY NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION

On October 19, 1982, the Graduate students in the Department of Religion endorsed the Concordia Graduate Religion Society. The Society is currently presenting a noon hour film series of interviews with religious thinkers. Graduate students within the department are planning a series of colloquies within the department for the presentation of papers and in-progress research.

Graduate students in religion are currently working on a newsletter that includes a calendar of events taking place in the city (lectures, seminars etc.) which would be of interest to students of religion. A film series on the work of C.G. Jung is planned in the spring semester. Religion graduate students are currently working on FCAC funded research projects on New Religious Movements and on Family and Sexual Ethics.

CONVERSATION ON EXISTENCE (A NOON HOUR FILM SERIES)

NOV. 24, 1982 ELIE WIESEL: FROM THE ASHES

DEC. 1, 1982 VICTOR FRANKL: THE DOCTOR & THE SOUL

Presented by the Graduate Students' Association, the Concordia Graduate Religion Society and the Audio Visual Department of Concordia University.

12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at 2060 Mackay St. #01.

MA FINE ARTS PROGRAM

The Graduate Fine Arts Program is located at 1230 Mountain St., below St. Catherine, in the Bourget Building. Just this past summer a gallery was constructed on the main floor; and the first show to go up in it, a graduate photography students' exhibition, has just opened, and will be on for the rest of the term.

Shortly, a program of regular screenings of artists' video-tapes will begin. The Fine Arts Program also sponsors guest speakers.

Students are invited to contact the G.S.A. Fine Arts Representative to find out what's going on. Call Peter Sandmark at 879-5975, Thursdays and Fridays.

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